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New-York, May 16, 1840.

~~Thursday morning~~.
Friday afternoon.

My dear Helen:

40 Our campaign has just closed, and a severe siege we have had of it, and a glorious triumph we have achieved. It was our anti-slavery boat-load that saved our society from falling into the hands of the new organizers, or, more correctly, disorganizers. They had drummed up recruits from all quarters, by the most dishonorable means; and a formidable appearance they presented at the opening of the meeting on Tuesday. The first subject that came up to try the strength of the parties was the appointment of Abby Kelly on the Business Committee. The vote stood about 560 in her favor, to 450 against her. Where these 450 belonged, or who they were, we had no means of ascertaining, because the question was not taken by yeas and nays. The minority finally seceded, and formed a society with the title, "The American and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society." Arthur Tappan declined a re-election, and Lindley Coates, one of the signers of the Philad. Declaration of Sentiments, was chosen in his stead. Not one of the Executive Committee was re-elected, except James S. Gibbons. We have made clean work of every thing — adopted the most thorough-going resolutions — and taken the strongest ground with crushing unanimity. The excitement in the city has been great. The spirit of mobocracy has been roused, in consequence of so many of the "Garrison party" having come from Massachusetts; and our delegation have been driven out of the halls we had engaged, and had to go from pillar to post to find a place where to lay their heads. Goss's Graham House has been assailed by a mob, several windows broken, the door burst open, &c. &c.; though not many were engaged in this work of mischief. What particularly

excited these "lewd fellows of the baser sort" was, the mixing of our white and colored friends on terms of equality. One of our friends from Oberlin was severely injured. As Rogers and myself have been stopping with our colored friend Van Rensselaer, we have seen nothing of the mobocrats. It [illegible] has not amounted to any thing like a popular tumult.]

But I need not even begin to tell you any thing of our proceedings, as bro. Johnson will give you and the rest of the dear household all the particulars.

Yesterday forenoon, in the meeting, your little package was put into my hands; and my heart was delighted to read the hasty note which you penned for me. I am rejoiced and strengthened greatly to see with how much fortitude and composure you bear our separation. Nobly done, dear Helen! May the Lord be with you in spirit, and enable you to sustain your mind until we meet again, which I trust will be in the course of three or four months. I assure you that nothing but a strong sense of duty will ever lead me to separate myself from you; for there is no place so dear to me in the world as my home, and I am never so happy as when by your side. You know I am not given to making many professions; but I do not feel the less, but the more, on this account. O no! Be assured, that you shall hear from me frequently, when I am across the "big waters."

You shall have a long letter from me before I leave this city, which will be on Tuesday afternoon next, in the fine large ship Columbus, for Liverpool. Rev. C. P. Grosvenor, Wm. Adams, C. L. Remond, and Rogers, will go with me.

Bro. George leaves this afternoon for Brooklyn, with James C. Jackson. I have serious thoughts of

going with him; but, as there is some danger that I cannot get back in season, I suppose I must not go. Bro. George will come for James and dear little George, (bringing sister Anne with him,) on Friday or Saturday next, unless bro. Johnson and wife shall conclude to go to Brooklyn. Oliver will explain matters to you about this. It is bro. G's opinion, that James's health will be much improved by going to Brooklyn, where he will give him some Thompsonian courses, if he thinks best to take them. George says you need have no anxiety whatever about dear little George in B.

Be sure and use your composition tea freely — and get some blackberry leaves (if they are good) to drink, and take all possible care of yourself. Cover the cheeks of my dear boys with kisses daily on my account, and tell them to be good little children until my return, when father will bring them some pretty things from England, which will please them very much. I wish I had time to write more, but you shall hear from me again in a day or two.

Yours, with all possible affection,
W. L. G.

N. B. Any thing for me may be sent as late as Monday afternoon train. Bro. J. will see to it. I want several copies of the Declaration of Sentiments forwarded in frames, and also a regular file of the Anti-Slavery Standard from the 1st of January.

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